

## House Resolution No. 972

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities and neighborhoods that are dedicated to improving the future by remembering the past; and

**Whereas**, on March 8, 2008, Harriet Tubman Day will be observed in Kansas City, Missouri, as a part of the Women's History Month celebration at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Museum; and

**Whereas**, Harriet Ross Tubman is closely associated with the struggle for civil rights and with the Underground Railroad that helped many African Americans win their personal freedom by assisting them on their arduous journey out of slave states during the Civil War; and

**Whereas**, the inaugural Harriet Tubman Day in Kansas City is taking place in large measure because of the steadfast vision and activities of Shirley Johnson; and

**Whereas**, in addition to serving as a memorial to Harriet Tubman, Harriet Tubman Day will entail awards, certificates, ribbons, and the giving of a special Freedom Award to an outstanding and worthy citizen; and

**Whereas**, Harriet Tubman Day also will involve more than one hundred schools, some of whose students will perform selections depicting historical tributes honoring women in history; and

**Whereas**, Harriet Tubman Day began in Cambridge, Maryland, in the late 1960s due to the leadership and efforts of Addie Clash Travers, who organized Father's Day weekend historical and cultural activities that concluded in services at the historic Bazzel AME Church in nearly Bucktown, Maryland; and

**Whereas**, Harriet Tubman Day became a national celebration in 1990 when the Harriet Tubman Historical Society joined with the Harriet Tubman Association of Dorchester County, Maryland, the United States Congress, more than twenty state governors, and many city officials to dedicate March 8<sup>th</sup> in her honor:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the work, goals, and accomplishments associated with the life of Harriet Tubman and to convey to all of those involved our most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful Harriet Tubman Day in Kansas City; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution at the Harriet Tubman Day program in Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Craig Bland  
District No. 43

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 972, adopted March 10, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker